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FM AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1079

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FOR BARTCH, ARA/APU

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SUBJ: RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL EMBASSY CABLE TO
WASHINGTON POST

REFS: A) MONTEVIDEO 564, B) USIA 4552, C) USINFO
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1. REF C QUOTED WASHINGTON POST APRIL 21 STORY ON
AMBASSADOR'S OBJECTIONS (REF A) TO VOA REPORT IN FEBRUARY.
IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, SUGGEST YOU INFORM
AMBASSADOR. IF STILL IN CALIFORNIA HE SHOULD BE REACHED
AT AREA CODE 714, 673-2760. IF IN HOUSTON, HIS NUMBER
SHOULD BE AREA CODE 713, 894-2338.

2. SUGGEST ALSO YOU ADVISE HIM THAT OMANG WAS HERE O/A
APRIL 8 TO 13. INsofar AS WE KNOW SHE MET ONLY WITH
PATE, WATKINS AND BERSTEIN. ONLY WATKINS IS IN URUGUAY
AT PRESENT AND HE SAID HE DID NOT DISCUSS THE VOA MATTER
WITH HER.

3. THE EMBASSY IS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT MAINTENANCE OF
CONFIDENTIALITY IN ALL CASES, AND PARTICULARLY IN THIS
ONE INVOLVING FIRST PERSON MESSAGE TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ROGERS AND USIA DIRECTOR KEOGH. EVEN THOUGH THE STORY WAS
DATELINED MONTEVIDEO, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WAS BASED ON
ANYTHING MS. OMANG GARNERED DURING HER VISIT HERE. IN
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FACT, THE STORY MAKES SEVERAL REFERENCES TO USIA AND/OR

VOA SOURCES AND STATES CLEARLY QUOTE COPIES OF SIRACUSA'S
CONFIDENTIAL FEB 13 COMPLAINT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
STATE WILLIAM D. ROGERS AND TO KEOGH AND OF KEOGH'S
FEB 17 RESPONSE, WERE OBTAINED BY THE WASHINGTON POST
UNQUOTE.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN
DEVELOP.

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